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VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION. TWENTIETH DAY

Famar, December 6, 1861 EVENING SESSION.

The Convention ra-assembled at 4 o'clock The Passibent - There was a communica tion received from the Governor this piorning. transmitting a report of the Chief Engineer of

the Siste, containing a descriptive list of forti-factions, &c., in the Commonwealth. A proposition was made to print the con-

other mesos of defence in the State, which, in

Mr. Passton - I move that the vote order-

The motion was agreed to Mr. Parstex -- I now move to say the com-

The motion was agreed to.

Pack's Perry in Monroe county. mes has not a full representation, and proba- not. by will not have for some time to come. It

The following is the ordinance: and is hereby appropriated for the purpose of mer between the points above designated.

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ordinative upon its passage.

Upon in the morning secret Bession. Mr. Young .- I would ask the gentleman to

withdraw that motion for a moment to enable just? I cannot regard it so. It is, in my me to offire tenclation. Mr. Gaant.-I withdraw it.

from Lynchburg (Mr. Speed,) requiring the and it should by all means be redeemed. Committee on Confederate Relations, to make to obtain positions to the service of the session of the Convention.

the to commissions in the State service, at Mr. Cox.—It will not involve a delay of least a recogniting in rank to those which they half an hour to the Convention.

Committee 1 represent one myself. It is that | Formes press of business upon the body, and its anti-

Sime of the cases which were before the outsities, are cases of extreme hardship, beseconssion, but who are not deemed so now than that which I indicate in the resocoming within the ordinance of the Con- lution. mion, making provisions for resigned offthat of a surgeon who resigned instanly, and was put upon duty here; but, inasmuch as his dispulsed with his services. This gentlemen ber, who has failed to attend the present seepensed with his services. This gentleman has rendered incapable of performing active sion of the Convention.

Mr. Paice.—Caunot the Legislature provide

matter, and that the Convention will not leave such laws as may be requisite to give the materially the position she then eccupied.

to report as soon as possible. Mr. Spren - I am very unwilling to trespass upon the attention of the Convention at cause of the presence of the public enemy, for my section. This, sir, may well be retained to period of the session; but I feel that who would be qualified to vote for members of garded as an important question. I have it so, it is incumbent upon me to do so when I con-

On the 221 of November last, I submitted a port to the Convention, whether or not there were any officers in the army or navy of the United States who had resigned their positions in that service, in pursuance of the invitation made last April, by the Convention, namerics and Tributes of Reserver, exceeding and who failed to obtain corresponding posiderged for as advertisements.

the State or Confederate States services in the State or Confederate States services. The Governor promptly replied to that The Governor promptly replied to that mental communication, which, with the original one, was referred to the Committee on For- tendent, three commissioners, and see many eign Relations. That committee was presided clerks as shall be necessary, who, after being in my judgment, is a duty more obligancy tinct efforts to obtain a meeting of the comtinct efforts to obtai liou of some gentiaman who was absent, we porations of the State, from which there may failed to get a querum tegether. Finally a be voters in the said encampment, desiring to majority of those who did attend, instructed the sole. The qualified voters who present them to report this fact to the Conventiant of the State in the proposition of th tion, and ask that the committee be discharged each asked to name the county or corporation | representation in the General Assembly for from the further consideration of the subject, of his recidence, and shall be allowed to vote them sections that are unable to provide a for chase a certain number of copies for the use and that it be referred to the Committee on to represent the county in which he resides, themselves by reason of the presence of the of the members of the Convention.

Confederate Relations or some other committee and his name shall be headed in the poll book public onemy. We of the North-west still Mr. Fissua. —I withdraw my smer tee. The Chairman reported in pursuance of opened for his county or corporation. When form part and parcel of Virginia. Wascerthese instructions, and the subject was referred to the Committee on Confederate Relations. The Chairman of that Committee was absent for two days; but on his return made, at my instance, repeated efforts to obtain a certain of the result of the election in such as in the countries of the result of the election in such as in the countries of the result of the election in such as in the countries of the result of the election in such as the countries of the result of the election in such as the countries of the result of the election in such as the countries of the result of the election in such as the countries of the result of the election in such as the countries of the count

faith of the Commonwealth were involved in with appoint some person whose duty it shall speeches excluded us from every right on the our action upon this subject, I offered a resomunication and accompanying documents, lution calling upon the committee to state what the result to the Court Hosse of the country question has been referred to the Legislature, acting upon the nominations which were not with the understanding toat if it was not pre- action they have taken with reference to it.— for which said election was held, and to de- be now stands up here and seeks to deprive action they have taken with reference to it.—

I blush to make this statement, but I do it my equation, it would be unwise to promute hexuse it is proper to be made public—that ing the communication to be printed be recon- Convention, invited the officers of the Army and Navy of the United States, who were natives of Virginia, to resign their commissions in that service, and come and take position in numerica and accompanying documents on her service, there are now not one, nor two, tary service of the State on the day of any proper time. por three; but, I believe, at least one dozen, not exactly in the condition referred to by my | their encampments at such election. friend from Henrico, (Mr. Young.) beyond the coss of our libers; and I deem it proper to pale of the ordinance of the 17th of April, by of facilitating transportation in the its requirements in every respect, who are at North western sections of our State. Every this moment unprovided for. These gentlemen one who is all acquainted with the progress; here resigned their positions in the United of the late campaign to North-western Virginia, States service in pursuance of the invitation must be aware that the disasters which we extended by this body, and tendered their sersuffered there were in a great measure owing vices to this government; but, as I have said, to the difficulty of transportation. I desire despite repeated efforts to get a committee towe as to make it cavigable for batteaus, from efficient officers, as I am told they are, then, the civil power. I apprehend, sir, that while county is so invaded that they cannot be made any lengthy arguments in support of it. I will be far more favorable than gentlemen here to the Central depot of the Virginia and Ten- sir, the sain and plighted honor of the Com- it may be right upon general questions, such to the Olerk. nessee radroad in Montgomery county, to monwealth demands that we should make some remuneration for that which they sur- of the fundamental law, to allow the soldiers If we ever do prosecute this war with a rendered at our instance. If they are not to vote, yet in questions involving merely the that suggestion. a view of entering that valley with a formida- worthy and efficient, let that be ascertained, beforce, the sooner we set about it the better, let the Convention deal with them as they tinction. I think, upon details, it would tend and in order to do so, with success, we should think just and proper. Not a few of those, to to organize the military in opposition to perlose to time in putting this work under con- whom I refer, have been willing to submit sons in civil life. You may divide your pack reed the ordinance again. tract, in order that the contractor may get | their claims to the ordeal of investigation, and yet they cannot get from a committee of this Described reports the should induce the Con-

I trust that the motion of the gentleman ordinance. requires 77 votes to earry through that House from Haurico will prevail, and though it be at the eleventh hour, that something will be done to wipe from the Com-

spening and improving New river, to make it that Committee, in the absences he Chair- for a system of electioneering in crasp; you amigable for batteaus, from the Central depot man, that an effort was made this morning to will find discipline relaxed; you will find of the Virginia and Tennessen Railroad in have a meeting of the Committee in the office every effort made on the part of officers to amendment which was made last night in the Virginia and Tennessen Railroad in have a meeting of the Committee in the office every effort made on the part of officers to amendment which was made last night in the court the favors of their men in reference to schedule. and that \$10,000 of said sum shall without effect. The Chairman of the Com- civil offices, and instead of exacting obcdlence be applied to the construction of batteaus or mittee, and the manager, the gentleman from in regard to the military department of the which the parties voting are absent from their other suitable boats to be used upon the said Prince Edward, (Mr. TBORNTON), and myself The Bard of Public Works shall be, and is a quorum, and had, therefore, to forego the tend to conciliate the good will and favor of of their residences. Under the language of I do not fear the dailism that threatened to sweep with desolathe set sum of money, for which bands of the will not be possible to obtain a quorum now. Mr. Cox, of Chasterfield.—I know of one abs to - years shall be issued; or they care which comes within the purview of the to positions in civil life, which will involve the may lead; treasury notes to the amount of said | resolution now pending, which is an extreme-

About twenty years ago, when I was a mem-Mr Factor I more expends the rule ber of the Senate, I recommended a young figure, an ordinances to be printed before gentleman to the Virginia Military Institute, being used upon, with a view of putting that who was admitted upon that recommendation, arousene upon its passage. The Convention refused to suspend the quently received a commission in the United States service, and participated in the Mexican Mr. Chass. - I mov, that the Convention go | war. Upon the secession of Virginia he surthe search session with a view of considering rendered his commission at once, and tendered the other nominations which were not acted his services to Virginia, but up to this time has failed to obtain a commission in her ser-

vice. Is that right? Is that proper? Is it opinion, an act of great injustice to exclude gendemen who resigned their positions in Mr. Young .- There was a resolution adopted | pursuance of the invitation of this body, from this morning on the motion of the gentleman employment. The faith of the State is pledged,

In view of the difficulty of obtaining a meeta report relative to officers of the army and ing of the committee, I move that a committee as y of the old Caited States, who resigned of five be appointed to consider this subject, their commissions in that service, but failed and that they have leave to sit during the

with the ordinance of the Omivention, pro- course indicated; but I am unwilling to sencthat officers in the United States ser- tion the appointment of a committee, if it will buguing their commissions and tender- toyolve the necessity of prolonging this see-

held ander the United States government. I The motion made by Mr. Coz was agreed to hope that some action will be taken by this w, and the following committee appointed to Committee in respect to this matter. There consider the subject referred to:-Messrs.

are sundry cases of this character before the Speed, Boulder, Cor, Perdueron of Onlo, and Mr. Blaker -I offer the following resolu-

to the Confederate Government, in of Congress to be voted for within the encamp regard to some muskets, about which there is some difference of opinion. That correspondence was referred to the committee on Conthose of gentlemen who resigned their po- federate Relations, but has not been acted dis in the army and navy of the United upon. It is important that it should be inhates promptly upon the passage of the ordi- quired into, and I see no other means of deing

> It was adopted. Mr. PENDLETON, of Ohio.-I offer the following resolution: Resolved, That the Secretary be directed not

absence has been caused by bad health. The resolution was adopted.

proposition calling upon the Governor to re- of this Commonwealth, who may be in the whatever was necessary to protect the great military service of the State, or of the Con-federate States, or the day of any general or In pursuance of that idea, and in conformit special election, for the General Assembly, with that duty, we took upon corrected the may vote in said elections, at such place or responsibility of fulfilling, as I maintain, the places within their succampment, as the commander at such encampment shall designate, for the people a representation in the Confidence of the people are presentation in the Confidence of the people are presentation.

meeting of his committee, but without suc. a poll was opened, and shell deliver the state. claims upon this body to afford them the means lable and impartial manner in which he has ment so made and the poli book to the com- of representation. The gentleman from Au-This morning, sir, feeling that the honor and mander of the encampment, who shall forth- gusta, (Mr. Stoars,) by his notes and be to take the poll book and the statement of score of representation; and now, after this per, in the opinion of the members, to make
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notwithstanding the fact that the people of this Commonwealth, speaking through this commonwealth, speaking through this sembly to make such laws during the existing gentiem here would being deprive them of it, of the doors were again opened.

Mr. Paicz.—I move that the ordinance of the Army war between the Confederate States and the thous denying them not only representation, but the gentiemen from Fauquier (Mr. Brooks) be President of the United States, as may be the right of suffraga. This, in truth, is a taken uprequisits to authorize the qualified reters of good return for their services, and they will, The most the Commonwealth who be may in the mills no doubt, appreciate this liberal policy at the pance was taken up and read, as follows: election under the Constitution, to rote within

> quiring all ordinators to be printed before heing acted upon, with a view to put this ordinance upon its passage. Mr. STUART. - I shall be compelled to oppose of the ordinance that motion, because I feel very great doubts i

pediency. One of the great provisions of the Bill of as that involved in the adoption or rejection election of individuals there is a very wide disple into two classes-those who will seek support merely in the military service, and those who will seek support merely in civil life .--

I think it is in a high degree improper to adopt | my. it. If you will invite the soldiers of the counmonwealth the stain which our non action will try to vote upon cvery election, you will find zen." that officers of regiments will become candi-"Be it ordained that the sum of \$60,000 be, place upon the escutchen of Virginia. that officers of regiments will become candiis hereby appropriated for the purpose of Mr. Bouldin.—I will state as a member of dates for election; you will lay the foundation pending. government, you will find commanding officers | counties. extending every indulgence which can best superior officers elected by their encompanents their counties. necessity of their taking furloughs to discharge the duties of their new offices.

I cannot go into this question at length; but will not be the pleasure of the Convention to anspend the rule.

Mr. LEE .- I regret very much that the diso put this ordinance upon its passage. Who are the individuals that now compose our army? They are not members of the re-

the country, have left their homes—their inthe country; and a proposition to give them rise of the Commonwealth may require it." an opportunity to select representatives for the State of Virginia, is opposed here upon this will use their influence with the man of their command to secure their election to the General Assembly, and neglec: their duties in order Mr. Forages.—If this subject can be disposed to accomplish that object. I do not think that or company, would, in a crisis like this, when tions. he felt his duty to leave his home to engage in

his country's defence, surrender that position in order to occupy a seat in the Legislature. of the Convention-When you called me, in

to mind. election of members of the Lagistature. I am myself in the military service of the State, and

be received in a shipweeck which sencewhat disabled him. He is still performing hospital duty, and is now entirely dependent, having sacrified ell he had in the world.

Lawson, the delegate from Logan, Boone and cannot, though being stabled in the house of single word, the last signal of England's great of the features of the cannot, though being stabled in the house of war was heard at a discontinuous control of the sound of war was heard at a d

We are, air, creatures of circumstances - taken up.
You, Mr. President, cannot tell to-day what Mr. Pare cannot, from the stand point you occupy, decide what policy will be best for you to-

tions, and authorizing the citizens of any and integrity of Virginia, I am pained to witcounty, or corporation, absent therefrom, be- nees. I refer to the question of representation the General Assembly, in such county or cor- and I have felt that this Convention, as ling sider the claims of these gentlemen who have been referred to by the gentlemen from Heatien, to vote at any general or special election, for members of the General Assembly governed by circumstances, and being vested too their counties or corporations." "1. Be it ordained, That the qualified votors | quired, or overy consideration of duty, to do In pursuance of that ides, and in conformity

ceedings shall be the same as prescribed by was dear to them on earth, and who are even the Governor.

willing to sacrifice life itself in defence of the After an hour or so, spent in secret session,

nia and adopt the ordinance The question then recurred upon the adoption

contain a provision which may be impractica. part proposing to adjourn size dia. as to the propriety of adopting that ordinancedoubts resting upon principle and upon ex- bic to accomplish. It proposes to have returns made to the clerks of the countr .- or two upon this subject. There are counties in which, I apprehend, renow to ask the Convention to pass an ordinance gether, their cases are excluded from all consubbriging the improvement of new river, sideration. If these gentlemen are worthy and

nanco by including in it refuges citizens.

Mr. Parce —I would ask the Secretary to

The ordinance was accordingly read. But upon considerations of expediency, I because of the pressure of the public ene-

The PRESIDENT. - That amendment is already

I mave to strike out the words "who may

be absent from their counties."
Mr. Lex.-1 accept the amendment. Mr. Paice .- I think it is better to pass by

amondment may be prepared.

The Convention agreed to pass it by. Mr. Bencks.-With the consent of the Con- | quarters. tinguished gentleman has thought proper to proper to proper the motion to suspend the rule in order to have it laid upon the table so that it may zention, I will offer an ordinance with a view be considered by the members of the Conven-

tion.
"Be it ordained, That when this Convention gular army; but those who, open the call of shall adjourn, it shall adjourn sine die, but shall original elements—when its sovereignty shall he subject to he again convoked by the Gor- be returned again to the people who bestowed the country, have left tuest months. Convention to the genderal any time during the existence of the it upon the Convention? Can we tell the Convention that, although my own opinion is who remain at home—to defend the rights of present war, when in his opinion the exigenmoment that an exigency may arise which still unchanged as to the wise ... of the meas-It was laid on the table for the prosent

Resoived, That the thanks of the Conven-

tion are most justly due, and are cordially

Adopted unanimously. Mr. JANNEY .- Mr. President and gentlemen

Mr. STUART .- We gave authority to soldiers | the month of February last, to preside over in camp to vote for members of Congress, and your deliberations, I was wholly without exwhat has been the result? We have not less perience, and had nothing to promise you but the State from the continuance in case of this than three or four Colonels elected to the next lidelity and impartiality in the discharge of Convention until this war shall terminate? If Smith, Colonel Baldwin, and probably there mitted; but the promise that I made you has may be others whose names I cannot now call been faithfully performed. For the approba-to mind. gates at the decements in possession of the well perceive now a gondenna would be all lines of the position of jects of the most intense interest, calculated it together. What interest in the Common-Committee on confederate Relations, which line to quit his command for the position of jects of the most intense interest, calculated it together. What interest in the Common-Committee on confederate Relations, which lines to quit his command for the position of jects of the most intense interest, calculated it together. have been elected to this body since I went it to the latest hour of my life. Gontlemen, constantly represented in this Convention. conclusion a day or two ago, that I would not your backs to it—turn your faces. Do not induce this Convention to adopt the proposi-

Mr. LEE .- I desire to present the following may be required of you to-morrow. You ment to come in as an independent section : ment to come in as an independent section:

4. The citizens of any county or corporate public good, and guard the Commonwealth tion, absent therefrom, because of the presence of sudden emergencies.

Mr. Parton.—I think our hour has come.

Mr. Parton.—I think our hour has come. something ought to be done in this case. A failure to make some provision, must drive ters of the Commonwealth who may be in the closest to Constitution of 1850. 71. Was to vote for members of the General Assembly, this gentleman to the dire alternative of the Commonwealth who may be in the moreow. The State of Virginia, when she is the General Assembly, tion, or incorring the guilt of treason, by uniting himself within Lincoln government.

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The State of the Commonwealth who may be in the moreow. The State of Virginia, when she is the General Assembly, the Constitution of 1850.'51, was dependent of the General Assembly, and only as dependent of the Constitution of 1850.'51, was dependent of the Constitution of 1850.'51, wa I trust that some action will be taken in this authorizing the General Assembly to make which make it necessary for her to change general or special election for members of the tresposs longer upon the people of this tour- ixin employment from the State or the Con Virginia's history, and which, in fact, were I see gentlemen in this body in whom I had, ration, at the Courtboose of any county or cor here without having this case attended to.

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The amendment was accepted by Mr. Lan, and the ordinary, we smended, was then Mr. CARTER - I Stove that the Committee

addition of four members. The motion was agreed to, and the Pees deat appointed the following members to com-pose that addition: Messra, Morris, Torner of Warren, Kent and WhitBold. Mr. Donman .- I offer the following resolu-

Resolved, That the Secretary be, and he is

over by the distinguished gentleman from the first duly sweet by him, will perform the country of Frederick, (Mr. Conner,) and not duties required of, and be liable to the penal-willing that the country of Frederick, (Mr. Conner,) and not like to know whether pose and a courage belitting the occasion and Mr. Strant.—I would like to know whether pose and a courage belitting the occasion and Mr. Strant.—I am perfectly willing to re- the irre maxim, "like causes produce the effect of the irre maxim, "like causes produce the effect of the involves a proposition, that the Convert deem the pledges that we have given by the limit involves a proposition, that the Convert deem the pledges that we have given by the limit involves a proposition, that the Convert deem the pledges that we have given by the limit involves a proposition. withs auding that he and I made three dis. ties imposed upon such officers, by the elec- ourselves to the circumstances that surrounded tion undertakes to publish the entire debates in book form. If so, I shall vote against it.

I would be willing to consent to its being done | should undertake to publish the debates in pelled us to change the time of action that we gentleman who was superannuated. A propo- forever. book form, the Scoretary be authorized to pur-

Mr. Fisher -I withdraw my amendment The original resolution was then adopted. Mr. Parce .- (Mr. Googra in the chair.) offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convenare due, and are horeby, tendered to R. L. Monrague, President thereof, for the dignined. scharged his duties. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. GEANT .- I now move that the Conven-

tion go into secret session, for the purpose of

I trust this Convention will secction no such shall adjourn, it shall adjourn sine die; but consent "to linger on the stage" an bour. Let policy so this, and that it will suspend the shall be subject to be again convoked by the undis now when we have the confidence of our ile and adopt the ordinance. Governor at any time during the existence of Commonwealth, and let us not flater away the question was then put on suspending the present wer, when, in his opinion, the that influence which we heretefore possessed

Mr. Paice. - I ask for a division of the ques- As to any idea of this Constitution being op-Mr. Parcs. -It seems to me that one section tion. I desire to take the vote first upon the posed by the demagogues, the reverse is the Mr. B.ooke -I desire to submit a remark

Although my own mind is fully extiafied as Mr. Lzr. - I accept any amendment which rations which have operated on my mind in here who voted in a small minority against the gentleman may effer in conformity with bringing is to the conclusion that this Conven- this Constitution, declaring their willingness tion should not adjourn size dis, unless that to go for it, if an opportunity could only be afforded to take a fair expression of the population by including in it refuges citizens.

tion should not adjourn size dis, unless that to go for it, if an opportunity could only be afforded to take a fair expression of the population by including in it refuges citizens. the exigencies of the Commonwealth may re- home, they will see that this Constitution Mr. Price — I see that in the first two or lines, it is confined to the coldiers. It is not have no earthly desire to be called to the city the Commonwealth. Testion to do this is, that the House of Date- they are entitled to that which they claim or That is the principle which induces me to extended to the citizens who may be driven of Richmond for the transaction of the busi-That is the principle which induces us to extended to the church who has been think that it would be improper to adopt that from their counties. It ought to embrace ness of this Convention or any other business. It is duty, we should go home. We came think that it would be improper to adopt that from their counties. It ought to embrace ness of this Convention or any other business. It is duty, we should go home. We came think that it would be improper to adopt that counties. It ought to embrace ness of this Convention or any other business. It is duty, we should go home. We came think that it would be improper to adopt that public life, I am not such. I am satisfied to Now, sir, under the Providence of God; under

comes for me to return to my home, I shall hall it with joy.

Another thing I have to say. If there be we have performed. We have placed great any gentlemen here who are afraid of that armies in the field; we have provided liberally M. Ler.—I accept it.

Any gentlemen here who are afraid of that samies in the field; we have provided liberally Mr. Brocks.—I am induced to suggest an power amongst the people called demagogue—the sinews of war; we have been in the midst ism, I desire their out to vote for the proposi- of great actions; the men whom we have contion which I have submitted; for I predict that, tributed in this conflict, stood first in the from the highest to the lowest in the sphere of ranks and were the bravest to the galaxy .demagogueism, there will be raised an out. The plume of war itself is upon our soldiers. ery against this action of the Conveniton. For Suppose a regiment should be in the county one, I rise above considerations of that ser- that first turned back that great tide of vandeem to be essential for the preservation of say these things in proud confidence, for they the integrity of our Commonwealth, and the are the truths of history. premotion of its bests interests. I say if there be any fear of demagoguelam on the part of but with one view, and that is a fixed purpose with this simple presentation of it, I hope it this ordinance for a moment, so that a proper any gentleman, he ought to vote against this to make good in the field what you have wisely proposition; for I predict, as I have already decided in council; yet, taking up the a ntisaid, that it will occasion an outery from such | ment of my friend from Loudeun, (Mr. Jan-

Now as to the merits of the proposition. I ask is it wise in the circumstances which home and do our duty. I look forward with now sucround us, in the dangers which now confidence to the applicace of my country, and throaten our Commonwealth, that this Convention should be finally dissolved into its may again require the services of a sovereign uro which I suggested, I am :.. uced to with body ? I can see many matters that may pro-Mr. Macrashand .- I offer the following re bably occur in the future which will call for figor by one of the most distinguished and in-figor by one of the most distinguished and in-the kind feelings of every one, and in which I what grounds? That the officers, foresorth, an aure all will concur: within the State clothed with its severeignty voted to, John Janner, Esq., for the impartial, subject to be called together within a day's efficient and dignified performance of his notice? Would it not be more desirable than Mr. Forres.—If this subject can be disposed to accomplish that dollar whilst presiding over their deliberas that delay and less of time should occur in helding another election, to say nothing of the expense, which is a minor consideration? Batore another Convention could be called into the United States who resigned their commislife our interests as a people might be serious-

But what herm can occur to the people of he State from the continuance in esse of this Congress. We have Colonel Pryor, Colonel my duty. Erors, I know, I must have combe Governor to call for the assembling of this Convention, then its adjournment is sine die. Where is the harm that is done by this to them, they could not examine and report Mr. Len -The position of a member of I am more indebted to your kindness then to course? This Convention can never re-ast in detail upon the visious cases of persons his case; and though I made several efforts to Resolved. That the Secretary is directed to Congress is a far more important one than that present that petition to the consideration of bank over to the Clork of the House of the Press of business are not important one than that the petition to the consideration of bank over to the Clork of the House of the General Assembly. I can be the flower of the General Assembly. I can be the flower of the General Assembly. I can be the flower of the General Assembly. I can be the flower of the General Assembly and the first of business are not important one than that any merit of my own; but I can be the flower of the General Assembly. I can be the f member of Congress; but do not think he to secuse into action the highest energies of wealth can be damaged by such a qualifica- pointments; but be leave to recommend to Charman of the Committee on Confederate
Remains, however, informed me that the Committee would consider it without going through
the Liveries of presenting it to the Convention of the Confederate Government, in

| Avenue to see the committee of the committee of the committee of the convention that adoption of the following would do so for the position of member of the convention that during my that resolution is, that there was some correspondence between the Governor and the substitution of the duties of the convention that adoption of the following that resolution is, that there was some correspondence between the Governor and the substitution of the duties of the convention that adoption of the following that resolution is, that there was some correspondence between the Governor and the substitution of the duties of the convention that during my sufficient to justify the Governor in calling us that its convention that adoption of the following that resolution is, that there was some correspondence between the Governor and the substitution of the duties of the convention the adoption of the following that the convention the following that the following that the convention the adoption of the following that the following th

of Oongress to be voted for within the encamp ments, and I can see no reason why the same lited the order and decorum of debate. To ments, and I can see no reason why the same lited the order and decorum of debate. To have presided over such a body of gentlemen, lady, which is already in being, the best body were, on the day of her secession, efficers in body, which is already in being, the best body were, on the day of her secession, officers in that could be called together to attend to the the army and navy of the United States, to be proud. I shall cherish the recollection of matter? Every portion of the State has been decline such service, and take commissions there, by gentlemen from my own county in the clouds are lowering, the tempest is brew-that service, and I hold that those which are very probably, could that service, and I hold that those which are very probably, could vice under the State of Virginia, and have that service, and I note that those who did repart to the General word from the not feet to the General word the service and I not represent all sections of the State, and others have failed to obtain the distance. By the blessing of Providence could not, therefore, speak with the same and the service and I not word of the State, and others have failed to obtain the distance. By the blessing of Providence could not, therefore, speak with the same and the second of the State, and others have failed to obtain the distance. By the blessing of providence could not, therefore, speak with the same and the second of the State, and others have failed to obtain the distance. By the blessing of providence the second of the State, and others have failed to obtain the distance. By the blessing of providence the second of the State, and others have failed to obtain the distance. By the blessing of providence the second of the State, and others have failed to obtain the distance. By the blessing of providence the second of the State, and others have failed to obtain the distance. would regard it as an injustice to the General upon the arms of our brave defenders, the thority as this Convention, which represents service either under the States and others days and other days and ot Mr. Hall, of Weizel-I had come to the shall burst with fury upon us, do not turn consideration, as it seems to me, which should ginia, having transferred her army and navy conclusion a day or two ago, that I would not again obtrude myself upon the Convention; but being a Virginian, and having the interbut being a Virginian with the change of the States, has no longer any line the submitted.

I have basily stated these considerations—

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Mr. Paice.—I offer the following amount solely because I believed that the course which erament fail to fulfil the engagement aforesaid, tion—when you saw that all the engagement it indicates is best calculated to promote the the State of Virginia is bound to do so, in ac- resources of a once powerful Government were

prolong a life which has, under God's provi- ing the General Assembly to take the subject disinterested and patriotic that ever dis-

on enrolled ordinances be increased by the year, have been prominently in the public eye, who has resigned his post in the same or navy with every passing year, and the high estabilition of four members.

Internal to the control of We have stood here in the very eye of civils the State and tendered his services to her, but fruits of that great revolution develope themization, and we have stood under the stern who, however, may not be a finish for all purcriticism of almost all the world. I think we poses connected with his profession. In that nation thus called into being. have done our work well. That is my opinion. | case, an injustice might be infacted by the | Having accomplished this great work, you I am very sure that posterity will see that we use of this term, and you may out off persons adjourned, and again re-assembled to revise did our work bravely. I am very sore that who are worthy subjects for Executive action, and referen the Constitution of your own State; the past is fixed and hamutable. We belong While a person who has resigned his commiss and this you have done nobly and well. With a places within their encampment, as the commander at such encampment shall designate, whicher the said encampment shall be within the limits of the State encampment shall be within the limits of the State encampment shall be within the limits of the State encampment shall be within the limits of the State encampment shall be within the limits of the State encampment shall be within the limits of the State encampment shall be within the limits of the State encampment shall be within the limits of the State encampment shall be within the limits of the State encampment shall be within the limits of the State encampment shall be within the limits of the State encampment shall be within the limits of the State encampment shall be within the limits of the State encampment shall be within the limits of the State encampment shall be within the constitution of this beaution to each member of the state encampment shall be within the constitution of the state encampment shall be within the constitution in the constitution of the state encampment shall be within the constitution of the state encampment shall be within the constitution in the Constitution of the state encampment shall be within the constitution in the Constitution of the state encampment shall be within to entire the constitution of the state encampment shall be within the constitution of the state encampment shall be within the constitution of the state encampment shall be within the constitution of the state encampment shall be within the constitution of the state encampment shall be within the constitution of the state encampment shall be within the constitution of the state encampment shall be within the constitution of the state encampment shall be within the constitution of the state encampment shall be within the constitution of the state encampment shall be within the constitution of the state encampment shall be within the constitution of the state encampment shall be within the constite of revolutions which seem to encampment shall be within the co the limits of the State or not.

2. For each place of voting, the commander of the suggestion of a number of the suggestion of representation in the General Assembly, which, by adding after the word 'journal," the words, a petied of party collision that shook the na- I trust it will be the pleasure of the Courses strange coincidences which mark the events of

tion to its centre, with a determination of pur- that to allow the report to remain as it is. | the two revolutionary periods in our history, ward, and took upon themselves the high responsibility of tearing down that blessed temple, as it was made by the bands of our fathers.

In the very letter of the law; but I am not will now passing, we find ourselves again recurring
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I would have me objection to the addition of proposition that in case any individual cumstances gross [all around us which comcame bere booing to fulfill.

We did the work, sir. We appealed to our constituents, and they have ratified our action by an unbeard of majority. Although we as-numed the adjustment of that great domestic question, the question of taxation, the people stilled it. The angry passions were stilled, and with one united voice throughout this Commonwealth, we made the burdens of our taxation equal everywhere all over the State.

Again we assembled, supposing there was nother task before us. That was in the midst of this great convulsion. This body met amid a trembling of the earth, that shook the Allechapies themselves. We came forward from our retreats in the mountains, leaving all the endearments of private life, to do the last work | cere. which was to be completed to reform the Constitution of the State. We have done that well, I hope.

this struggle, then, let every man rejoice that he was here; for posterity will owe him a debt of graticude for favors unequalled even by any which have been conferred by the illustrious heroes of the revolution. We belong to a herole age : and we have exercised our functions in a heroic manner. We have discharged our The motion was agreed to; and the ordir trusts bravely. Posterity has to say that it has been done wisely. I do not like, when "Be it ordained, That when this Convention | we have done a great duty, that we should the rule, and it was decided in the affirmative, exigencies of the Commonwealth may require and now possess by putting ourselves before the country in the attitude of desiring to servo.

Mr. Brooks. - I apoke merely of my own

proposition being unpopular.

Mr. Pagaron.—I am satisfied the gentleman egether by the Governor at any time during under which we are placed reader that imposthe existence of this war, when in his opinion sible; but I hope, when these gentlemen go

Having done all this; having discharged remain at home, and occupy myself in the influence of the great issues which sur-I move to amend it by adding the word beith. concerns of private his, and when the time round us, we stand as one hand of bro here, devoting all our energies, all the faculties that Wo sent that army; we sent these brigades

I beseech this Convention to leave this Hail NET.) England expects this day that every man will do his duty. I will say, lot us go

confidence to the applicase of my country, and the approbation of my countrymen. Mr. BROOKE.-I have so high an opinion of the sound judgment and practical good sense of the gentieman who has just addressed the

draw my proposition. Mr. Pates. -It is necessary to adopt some resolution of that kind belows the general adjournment. I submit the following: Resolved, That when this Convention shall

djourn to-day, it shall adjourn sins die. The resolution was adopted. Mr. SPEED .- I beg leave to submit the fol lowing report from the apparai committee ap

pointed a while ago, to consider the antiec relating to officers of the army and navy o graphed, are hereby directed to be executed sions in that service and failed to obtain employment in the service of Virginia or of the Confedorate States: The committee to whom was referred the

resolution, adopted on the 22d of November That in the very limited time within which they have had to perform the daty sasigned

House in the army and

under the State of Virginia: and, whereas, to the Confederate States, has no longer any in this Commonwealth, or perhaps on this con-

by any consideration of that sort. I should ordinance afterestd.

But have offered this proposition. I offered it 2. Resolved, Should the Confederate Govtance, without preparation, without organiza-

Under the great circumstances that surround. Mr. Young.—The use of the word "efficient" Generation after generation will sing your all it in the buttery of this crisis, there atoed may be concidered by the Legislature as limit praises and pronounce your memorics blessthere a class of generation who, for one whole log these discretion. I put the case or a man and. It is an act whose merit will enhance

sition was submitted here asking that an ex- No matter what may be our future expercrption should be mede in his case, and though no matter what may be our future desting, all it was introduced by an Ex-President of the of us, who are here assembled, will never again United States, it was nevertbeless overruled. | meet in this Hall. It is a serrowful reflection, I cannot vote for the resolution enters it is but no less true. Let me hope, however, that in the form of the original ordinance. The the lot of each will be rendered happy in the cass referred to by the gentleman, may be a consciouences of having done well his part. hard case, it is true; but we must recollect that | and in the realization of the good fruits which there are hundreds of hard cases of cir zens, the work here accomplished will yield. I ex-

We belong to posterity. If successful in

mistaken.

I accordingly move that it be embodied in bless you all. the resolution.

dopted. Mr. Gogern .- Mr. President, I am about to die. move un adjournment; but I will first say, that while acting to day, temporarily, as the presiding officer of the Convention, a resolu-tion was manufactured, tendering you the the Convention, were omitted from the thanks of this body for the dignified, able the report of the proceedings at the time of and impartial manner in which you have dis their adoption. To complete our report of the charged the duties of the bigh and responsible prectedings of that body we now publish position which you have so long filled, and them: from which you are now about to retire.

I need not add. I am sure, that it affords me much pleasure to make such an announcement on behalf of all my associates, as well as my-

I now more that this Convention deadjourn The Parsiders. - I would request the gontleman to withdraw that motion for a moment, to enable me to sign the enrolled Constitution

and achedule. Mr. Genera - I withdraw it for the pre-2006 The President then signed the Constitution

by the Secretary.

Mr. Mossm —! offer the following resolu-Resolved, That the Secretary of this Con- 2. Major General 11. Sergeant Major.

extra services haretofore rendered, and to be 4. Octonel. hereafter rendered. Mr. M .- I will state to the Convention, that there was a great deal of work left for the 7. Capiain. Secretary to do during the recess, such as pre- 3. First Lieutenapt. paring for publication the preceedings of the | 9. Second Lieutenant, 16. Corporal, secret session-a work which was rendered peculiarly difficult by the action of the com- appointment. mittee appointed last April to revise the journul of the secret session, and exclude from and it is but just that he should be paid for

I will say that the salary fixed-\$100 a week-has been very moderate for such ser-vices as he has had to render, and this he was only allowed while the Convention was in see-

I trust the Convention will adopt the resolu-

this extre labor.

doubt will command the unanimous approval missions; but in the regiment, treep or comthe gentleman whom it is intended to compliment are sufficiently appreciated to secure for and on detechments, which shall be composed

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to P. Kean, Eaq., for the prompt, accorded to go the army shall happen to join, curate and able manner in which he has reported the proceedings and debutes of this of the line of the army, marine corps, or mili-Convention.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Merestt.-I offer the following resolu Regarded. That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Secretary and other of War.) efficers of the Convention, for the able and

efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties. The resolution was unanimously adopted. Mr. Dorman.-I beg leave to offer the folwing resolution : Resolved, That the copies of the ordinance States. of secession heretofore ordered to bo litho-

The resolution was adopted. Mr. Formes -I offer the following resolu Resolved, That the thanks of this Conven- perform a special service. tion are hereby tendered to the clergy, who

sessions of this body. The resolution was adopted. Mr. Gogory.-I now move that this Conention acjourn sine die.

The motion was agreed to. The Parsident (Mr. Mostague) .- Gentlemen of the Convention, I have propounded to of their immediate profession, except by the you the last question. I have taken the last special print of the President vote; and I assure you that the emotions which now fill my bosom are of no ordinary | ment empot exercise command except in his caaracter.

A public man cannot receive, and ought not to desire say higher reward than the approba-tion of those whom he serves. That approbation, by the resolution which you have so kindly adopted, you have generously express-

Gontlemen, you have performed a great work. No body of men that ever assembled

the offspring of Virginia's own great sages and patriots—you tushed to the rescue, and turn-After watch is respectified submitted.

John M. Spend, Chairman."

Mr. Strast - I would suggest that the word seem of your own blessed mother. History will record the act as amongst the most noble, tinguished a brave and generous people.-

Gentlemen, we have accomplished this good

of Virginia, who resigned their resitions in tend to you all the parting hand of a sincere the civil departments of the Catted States friendship and respect. My association with Government. Would you want to make provisions for them? And yet these cases may source of sincere happiness, and I shall ever be as bard as those of persons in the military | recur to it with the most grateful remembrance. service. It is enough, in my opinion, that we | Now we are about to separate some to en futil the compact that we made to these offi for upon the performance of other high public trusts in the civil department, others to re-en-Mr. Yourd .- The gentleman says that this ter the field of bloody strife, there to maintain resolution is not within the purvious of the by their own strong arms, if not with their ordinance of the Convention. I think he is beart's warmest blood, those great principles which were so nobly asserted here. Others Mr. Seano -I have had some conference still, will retire to their homes, there to bathe with the other members of the committee, and their westried soul in the pure stream of dothey seem to favor the addition of the word mestic folicity. Whatever may be your future lot I pray God to defend, and proteot, and

I will now perform my last office by pro-It was so agreed, and the report was then ununcing this Convention adjourned sine dia.

The Convention accordingly adjourned sine

REGULATIONS FOR THE ARMY. ARTICLE I.

MILITARY DECIPLINE All inferiors are required to obey strictly, and to execute with alacrity and good faith, the lawful orders of the superiors appointed Military authority is to be exercised wit Granese, but with kindness and justice to fu-

foriors. Panishments shall be strictly conformable to military law. Superiors of every grade are forbld to injure those under them by tyrannical or capcicious

and schedule which were subsequently attested conduct, or by abusive language. ARTICLE IL : BANK AND COMMAND Liquisment General 10. Cadet

vention be allowed three hundred dollars for | 3. Brigadier General. 12. Quartermaster Scr. geant of a Rost L'entenant Colonel. 12. Hospital Steward 14 Firat Bargeaut. 15 Sergeaut

And in each grade by date of commission or When commissions are of the same date, the rank is to be decided, between officers of the publication such portions of it as they should same regiment or corps by the order of apdeem inexpedient to publish at that time. We pointment, between efficers of different regiknow that there is a great deal of work which ments or corps; 1st, by rank in actual service the Secretary will have to do after we adjourn, when appointed; 21, by former rank and service in the army or marine corps; 3J, by lottery among such as have not been in the milltary service of the United States. In case of equality of rank by virtue of a brevet commis

non reference is had to commissions not bre

prior data to those of the regiment in which they serve, may take place in courts marshal and on detachments, when composed of differ-Mr. Woods.-I desire to offer a complimentary resolution. It is one which, I have no in their provets or dates of their former comof this body; for I take it, that the services of pany to which such officers belong, they shall de duly and take rank both in courts martial it the hearty support of every member pres only of their own corps, according to the cemsaid corps.-(61st Art. of War.)

missions by which they are mustered in the If, upon marches, guards, or in quarters, dif-ferent corps of the army shall happen to join, tia, by commission, there on duty or in quarters, shall command the whole, and give orders for what is needful to the service, unless othorwise specially directed by the Paesident, ac-

authority can not put himself on duty by virtue of his commission alona. Officers serving by commission from any State of the Union take rank next after officers

of the like grade by commusion from the United attrevet rank takes offset only in the followas crass: 1st, by special assignment of the President in commands, composed of different corps; 2d, on courts-martial or detachments composed of different corps. Troops are on detachment only when some out temporarily to

In regularly constituted commands, as garhave so kindly officiated at the opening of the ricone, poets, departments; companies, buttalions, regiments; corps, brigades, divisions, army corps, or the army itself, brevet rank

cannot be exercised except by special assign-The officers of Engineers are not to assume nor to be ordered on any duty beyond the line At officer of the Pay or Medical Depart-

own department. Officers of the corps of Engineers or Ordnance, or of the Adjutant General's, Inspector General's, Quartermanter General, or Subsistence Department, though eligible to command according to the rank they hold in the army of the United States, and not subject to the or-

The functions assigned to any officer in these regulations by title of office devolve on place to assign to such persons, but deems it tinent, have gone through similar revolutions the officer acting in his place, except as spetthe duty of the Confederate Government to and accomplished a task of the same magni-